GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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MECHANISM FOR DISABLED STUDENTS TO COMPETE IN MBBS EXAM.
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Medical Council of India (MCI) has evolved any mechanism for the physically challenged students to compete for the MBBS examination conducted by the AIIMS;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has asked the MCI and AIIMS to lay down methodology/ guidelines for the benefit of the disabled persons in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(e) the time by which such guidelines are likely to be issued by the Medical Council of India?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) The Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of Dr. Kumar Saurav Vs. Union of India and Others has asked the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and Medical Council of India to examine the feasibility of giving benefit to disabled persons for admission to MBBS Course under All India quota. The Medical Council of India has submitted his views in the matter and the Ministry has accepted them. The Ministry has conveyed its stand to the Hon'ble Supreme Court where the matter is pending for decision.

(c) to (e) Information from National Human Rights Commission is being collected and shall be laid on the table of the house.